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Ground Team

Our unit continues to establish a clear track record in ground team service: participating in the Hagerstown SAREX; gaining an actual "find" in a combined ELT search, with elements of Mt. Airy and Frederick squadrons, at the recent AOPA fly-in; and stubbornly locating a fiendishly placed ELT during the recent SAREX run from Martin State. Member qualifications and near misses are getting everyone closer to completion.

Rockets!

We are seeking to establish a model rocket program, in compliance with CAP policies, that will lead to the (really cool) cadet's Model Rocketry Badge. Contacts with the National Association of Rocketry and a joint program with Mt Airy are taking shape. I expect to give an introductory talk at the change of command. So please check your basements, attics, and other deep dark spots for any rocket kits we can use for starters!

Web Site Updates (hcs.mdwg.cap.gov)

We will shortly have an archival listing in Portable Document Format (PDF) of the primary squadron briefing guide for seniors and cadets — as updated following the change of command in late July. Already, new supply/finance pages, a map to the meeting location, and some enhanced aerospace education pointers have come on stream. Stay tuned in, visit the site and help improve it. It has seen national notice and good reviews.

Activities

A tour of the Smithsonian Garber Facility proved quite enjoyable for those who made it, six cadets and four seniors. An Albatross "PBY" from Pearl Harbor days, and one of the last B17D models proved to be popular highlights. The workshops contained a French Neuport biplane, the first WWI craft flown by Americans. Also seen was a submarine borne aircraft of the type that attacked Oregon during WWII.

The Flag Day ceremony at Ft. McHenry was attended by three cadets (Terry, Steciak, and Fenner); total Wing attendance was about 30. They were treated to period costumes, fine music, fireworks, and an A-10 flyover.

Promotions

Cadets:

M. Rogers, A. Visconage to Amn; H. Robinson, J. Craig to A1C; D. Renninger, A. Fenner, J. Eberhardt, D. Kinnaman, S. Haack, S. Sines to SrA; Daniel Steciak to SSgt and TSgt;

Seniors: J. Sundberg, R. Wiseman to 2nd Lt;

M. Kennedy, C. Marsh, D. Delaney to 1st Lt;

J. Kelley to Cpt.

Awards

C/MSgt Jeffery Flagg, Robert H. Goddard Award

Cpt. Johannes Schmitz , Certificate of Proficiency.

Finally, our citation for Quarterly Order of the WingNut goes to the pilot of CAP Flt 1887 at the Hagerstown SAREX. Landing for lunch and fuel, he left our ground team stranded on singularly boring ridge awaiting "further information on the ELT" that never came.

